

# THE END OF THE WORLD

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I found Von Minden on that humid, sultry night—the 21st of June—pacing the floor of his observatory, a huge box-like room that reared itself on steel legs far above his house. He was in a suppressed state of excitement, which he attempted to conceal as I entered.

"It's no use," I said to him, "I cannot work to-night. And, anyway, I'm going to the strikers' meeting. I want you to come along, if you can."

He sprang to his feet and opened the window. "Look! Put your hand out here!" he exclaimed. I did so. When I drew it in, it was sprinkled with a few small specks of what resembled soft coal soot.

"Rub your hands together," said Von Minden. "Now look at them." Where I had rubbed and where each speck had been there was a small greasy smear of a bright red color. I glanced up at him, inquiringly. "What are these?" I asked. He laughed a strange laugh.

"Those," he responded, "are the germs of lunacy. That's all." He laughed again. I looked at him anxiously. I thought the man was under the influence of the devil.

and again he beat them off. I watched him.

I don't know what happened. Everything was red before my eyes. I was conscious only that something fell with a thud to the ground—something that the crowd trampled under foot, and that the firemen were attaching the hose—and that I had done it.

"Blood! Blood!" I cried in a wild frenzy, breaking away from the crowd and running up the street, "Blood!"

As I ran a great number of police officers passed me, on their way to the riot. Their eyes were wild and bloodshot.

I staggered on until I reached Von Minden's house. He had got there before me.

"Von Minden!" I cried, beating the door frantically.

He came out, and I started back in surprise. Von Minden it was, but he was completely encased, from the waist up, in a metal cylinder that surrounded his body. It was full of holes and emitted a white vapor that almost completely enveloped him.

He laughed. "You are late," he cried. "The only thing that has happened is that the world has ended."

## MAN'S SIN AND GOD'S PROMISE

Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 20, 1907

Specially Prepared for This Paper.

LESSON TEXT.—Gen. 3:1-6; 13-15; Memory verse 15.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."—1 Cor. 15:22.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES.—Temptation as a Test or Trial.—Gen. 22; Deut. 8:2; Dan. 12:10; Zech. 13:9; Heb. 2:18-19; 4:14-16; 12:11; Jas. 1:2, 3; 1 Pet. 1:7. The Means of Victory Over Temptation.—Prov. 1:10; Matt. 6:13; 26:41; Rom. 12:21; 1 Cor. 13; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 6:16; 1 Thes. 5:3; Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8, 9; 2 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 12:10; 12:11. Christ's Help to the Tempted.—Luke 22:31, 32; John 17:15; Heb. 2:18; 4:15.

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

Man in His Eden Home.—Man was placed in the most favorable circumstances for his development and growth; in a beautiful garden, with all the influences of noble nature around him; in natural communion with God, with plenty of work in taking care of his home farm, in gaining and exercising dominion over it, with a perfect family life; all of which were educational forces, so that Eden was the great school of man.

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil was not "the tree of knowledge," but only of the knowledge of good and evil. It was not to prevent man from knowing good and evil, but to prevent him from knowing the difference between good and evil.

## Farmers' Co-Operative Union Of America

How about your split log drag? They are surely doing the work up in Grayson County.

If there are not enough farmers in the Unions to control and keep down those elements that some say are at all times threatening to "work" the Union, it is a real good time to get out and hustle in a few more farmers. Don't you think so?

Don't let the children miss school a single day. It is often now or never in getting a schooling, and you cannot afford to have the lack of an education for your child charged up to your carelessness. You are already too deeply in debt to opportunity to take any more risks.

There isn't much danger of the Unions going to the demimoon bow wows as some of the alarmists seem to think. It is a shame that one finds doubt of the ability of the horny-handed, hard-headed, big-hatted yeomanry of this country to manage an organization that they compose almost absolutely.

Since the size of the crop doesn't depend so much upon the amount of land cultivated as it does upon the

### TYPES OF SUCCESSFUL FARMING.

The following examples of successful farming in some of the Southern States is taken from an official document issued by the National Agricultural Department:

"While stock raising is not at the present time carried on to a large extent in the cotton-growing portions of Louisiana, Arkansas and Northeastern Texas, there are widely scattered phases of it.

"Dairying has made gratifying progress in a good many places; for instance, Hammond, La., once a cotton-growing center, is now shipping 700 gallons of milk daily to New Orleans. At Marshall, Tex., one man has run a successful dairy for three years. In that time he has built up his herd to about 75 cows, pure-bred and high-grade Jerseys, the returns from which are over \$500 a month. The gross receipts from each cow in a herd of 40 high-grade Jerseys at Lafayette, La., for the past year ranged from \$180 to \$222. The milk in this case is bottled and sold to local customers at 15 to 30 cents per gallon.

"In the matter of beef production,



NEW YORK.—The Adamless Eden in New York does not pay? The Martha Washington, after a struggle of four years as a hotel for women exclusively, is admitted a failure and will be turned over to a lessee. This, after a record for a full house and a spotlessness of character that made other hostels green with envy.

During its entire existence the list of casualties comprises two infants of the male sex (smuggled in by fond mammas when the clerk wasn't looking); one over-stimulated guest, one fire scare and one suicide.

But, while prices have trebled since the opening and the bill of fare has shrunk to a mere shadow of its former self; while the staff has been reduced to the minimum requisite for law and order, the stockholders have received no dividends on the enterprise, which made an era in the city's history.

### WHERE THE WHEELS GO ROUND.

New York never has been particularly shy about its public exhibitions of all kinds and long has held its reputation for showing lots of things that most persons would not agree were of public interest. But one of the most unusual "free shows" in town that are permanent is the comparatively recent one of inviting the public to view the engine room of a new Broadway hotel, and also the one in a mammoth office building. You have to go in search of the one in the hotel in question, but in the office building you are invited to look at the wheels go round through an attractive sign on a glass door in the arcade of the building that bears the legend, "Visitors' Gallery, Engine Room."

In opening the door there is a short flight of



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### Church Directory.

CHRIST CHURCH—Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning Prayer at 11 a. m. Holy Communion First Sunday in month.

Guild meets every Monday at 8 p. m. Rev. Chas. T. Coerr, Rector.  
Preaching at the Methodist Church every Sabbath by Rev. A. A. Wagoner at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School at 10:30 a. m., S. L. Schluter, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m. Senior League Thursday 8:30 p. m. Junior League Sunday 3 p. m. Woman's Home Missionary Society, first Monday in each month at 8 p. m. Choir, Saturday 3 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Sunday School every Sunday 10 o'clock a. m. Superintendent, J. H. Rowell Sr. Preaching first, second and fourth Sundays, 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by J. A. Lewis. Pastor, Prayer meeting every Wednesday night 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Association meets every Monday 12:15 o'clock a. m.